

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ST. MARY’S

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Weekday Masses and Intentions

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. For the People
 Thursday ** No Eucharistic Adoration **
 Friday 8:30 a.m. + Keith Olive

Weekend Masses and Intentions

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Deceased Members of
 the Urban & Rudawski Families
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. + Whitney Gregg
 + Deceased, Tg Thanksgiving

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 9

Sacristan - Dan Throm
 Eucharistic Minister - Dan Throm
 Lector - Missy Roberts
 Lead Usher - Skip Bilsky

Sunday, March 10

Sacristan - Roy Rietz
 Eucharistic Minister - Derek Parker
 Lector - Carolyn Lemanski
 Lead Usher - Dan Jazinski
 Money Counters - Dorothy Vayda & Jerry
 Divine

Church & Office Cleaning - Sue Mills &
 Aubrey Pataconi

*Thank you to all our volunteers for
 your continued support of our ministries!!*

Sat. Collection	Loose.....\$14.00	Envelope.....\$355.00	Total....\$369.00
Sun. Collection	Loose...\$173.00	Envelope....\$680.00	Total.....\$853.00
Flowers....\$467.00	Electronic & Other.....\$1,660.00	Total..\$2,127.00	
	Total Collections	\$3,349.00	
Budget:	\$2,028.00	2023: \$2,217.00	

Lent Schedule

Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. before 5:30 p.m. Mass
 Fridays at 9:00 a.m. after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Confessions

Thursday from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. on March 14
 Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays: half an hour before
 Mass starts.

No Eucharist Adoration

March 7, 21 & 28 (Holy Thursday Mass at 6 p.m.)

Gold Slips are available on the entryway tables. Please return them to the Parish Office by Sunday, March 10th. We appreciate your help with our parish ministries!!

Men, Women and Children Welcome: Fr. Soja is looking for 12 parishioners to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday in memory of Christ’s final night. So far we have two people that reserved their place. If you would like to participate in this ritual of how we are to serve one another in love, an example set by Jesus when he washed His disciples feet, please contact the office or Fr. Soja.

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ST MARY’S WELCOMES YOU TO THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Daylight savings is next Sunday, March 10. Don’t forget to spring ahead or you’ll be late for church...

The World’s Poor Collection: Next weekend, March 9 & 10, we will have a special collection to include Pete’s Pence, Catholic Relief Services, the Campaign for Human Development, and the Pastoral Solidarity fund for the Church of Africa. You can choose which fund or funds to contribute to by designating an amount for each. Help express solidarity with the powerless and poor in our country and abroad by donating to this important collection. There are specially marked envelopes available in the back of church this weekend and envelopes will be in the pews next weekend. Please make checks payable to St. Mary’s Parish. Thank you!

The Iron Mountain-Kingsford Knights of Columbus Bishop Baraga Council 1585 will hold its annual Lenten Fish Bakes on Friday March 8th and 29th at the hall located at 520 W. Breitung Avenue. They will be serving between 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

Lenten Reflection of the Eucharist: Deacon Dave Scheuer of the Diocese of Green Bay will be sharing his extraordinary encounters of the divine through the Eucharist on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Crandon. All are welcome!



2024 BISHOP’S APPEAL

The Bishop’s Appeal: Did you know that within our Diocese, more than 25,000 students participate in Catholic Schools or faith formation classes? Through different education programs, children learn to know and love Jesus.

Your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal provides training and support to our Catholic educators. Help them inspire disciples!

St. Mary’s has raised \$2,565.00 towards our goal of \$9,696.00. Please prayerfully consider reaching out to others this year by making a generous gift to the 2024 Bishop’s Appeal. Thank you for your support to those in need in Northeast Wisconsin!

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Friends, in the gospel today, Jesus demonstrates the importance of having a pure heart through his actions in the temple. By driving out the merchants and money changers, Jesus was purifying the temple of all that was contrary to God’s will. He was removing the distractions and impurities that had taken over the temple and

restoring it to its intended purpose as a place of worship and prayer. As Catholics, we are called to follow in Jesus’ footsteps and strive to purify our own hearts and minds. This means being mindful of our thoughts, words, and actions, and ensuring that they are aligned with God’s will. Reflect on what "merchants and money changers" exist within your own heart and mind - these could be sinful habits, selfish desires, or anything that keeps you from God. Consider asking God’s guidance and forgiveness. This might involve seeking reconciliation through Confession, engaging in spiritual reading, or dedicating time for silent meditation. It is Christ who has the ultimate authority to cleanse our body and soul. Christ crucified, represents the ultimate demonstration of God’s power and wisdom.

Identify the snares on our path to eternal life through a proper examination of conscience. The Ten Commandments provide guidelines that are still relevant today in identifying the trap. They teach us about the importance of worshiping God alone, respecting sacred things, honoring our relationships, and living with integrity. Idolatry is turning something less than God into God, i.e. honor, wealth, pleasure, etc. Speaking affects the way we think. Keeping the Sabbath Holy; today a significant part of the society does not worship the Lord. Look at our family integrity, do we honor God as a family? Do you respect life? Are you a life giver or lifetaker? Adultery, as Jesus defines is impurity in look, desire, and malice in the heart. Gossiping is equal to stealing and bearing false witness. Coveting what the other guy has can lead to several negative results. We don’t have to suppress them but acknowledge them before Jesus. Imagine Jesus in the temple of yourself cleansing you.

~ Fr. Soja

Florence Utilities is hosting a Food Drive March 1 - 31 to collect donations for St. Vincent De Paul. Donations needed include: non-perishable, non-expired food items; personal items (cleaning supplies, soaps, hygiene products) and cash donations. There will be a basket in the back of church for the donations. Thank you for your participation.